

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: ve1hdw@fox.nstn.ns.ca (Harvey winters)
Subject: [4593] 10:1 fc probe
Message-ID: <199510220018.VAA09183@Fox.NSTN.Ca>

I need a 10:1 probe for a frequency counter. What is required to build this beastie, or is that a good idea to build one?

Your help would be much appreciated as would like to get my Explorer 30 tuned up that I have here.

72/73 de Harvey
Harvey D Winters VE1HDW
ve1hdw@fox.nstn.ns.ca
G-QRP #8973 NE397

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: km@PACT.ORG.PE (Kris Merschrod)
Subject: [4586] 30 meter Propagation Revisted
Message-ID: <m0t6k71-000Ar8C@rcp.net.pe>

I wasn't on the list yet, but it looks like it was a fun and useful exercise.

Given that the darkest part of the year is coming up for the northern Hemisphere, a repeat might be useful. Especially if time of day is watched to compare daylight, gray line and darkness differences.

I'd be happy to help out for short transequatorial tests. I think that I could set up a beacon for a few days using my trusty keyer.

73

Kris,
OA4\KA20IG

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: NYOUNG@nova.wright.edu
Subject: [4590] another story
Message-ID: <01HWPND09H068Y5LAU@nova.wright.edu>

I have been asked about this before, so this little codicile is included to let those who want know: The following is up for

grabs. Publish, republish or disseminate as you see fit. It is a story that needs told. And for those offended by the bandwidth, remember this: some folks don't even get bandwidth, let alone know about it. (All I ask is a by-line.)

PUT YOUR RADIO IN THESE SHOES

It wasn't until after I'd shown Rashad the print shop and was in the middle of showing off the printery that it dawned on me. To Rashad, my printery and amateur radio station were like items in a suppressed political novel. In my garage and radio shack he was looking at a kind of life that could only be imagined in those hidden moments where every word is squelched and where every pen lays still across blank sheets of paper. He was looking at a typically self-serving sort of gringo exposition that mimicked luau shirts and bermuda shorts worn by yankee tourist shouting at the locals because they don't speak English. Only this time it was not some abstract them. This time it was me. See my radios. See my country. Ain't we got it good?

You have to understand that Rashad comes from one of those places on earth still euphemistically called by a name that includes the term "autonomous region." But there isn't any autonomy. Rashad comes from a place where the ruling elite expect him and his family to learn the palace language. He comes from a place where his culture and religion make him a minority of contention. He comes from a place where his people are a threat to the magnificently repressive structure that exists in what is left of Communism. So to Rashad, my printing presses are dangerous machines, and dangerous in a way that goes beyond pinched fingers or the dangers of type metal alloy dust. My printing presses have started revolutions. Presses like mine have gotten people killed.

And my radios are dangerous as well. In fact, the entire idea of amateur radio was so foreign to Rashad that it took quite a bit of explaining for him to see how it works. To think that a private person might be able to collect or build or operate any sort of private communication station was as difficult for him to understand as might be his own language to a speaker of German or Russian or Mandarin Chinese. In many ways, my radios were just another 35mm camera around the neck of another bumbling, monolingual American tourist looking for a McDonalds in downtown Alma Ata. That's the way he might have seen them. But I would like to think otherwise.

I would like to think that my collection of radio toys presents the possibility of a future freedom. I would like to think that, some-when between my showing Rashad "the stuff" and his possible return to his homeland, things will change. I would like to think that he and I -- or one of his countrymen or women and I -- might some day exchange "ko"p yetmishu"cler" while our families smile in the background. I would like to think that. I would like to hope for that.

In the meantime, however, reality sits in front of me at the operating position like a brick tossed through an open window. It's

the kind of reality that pulls at the mind and at the heart. It's the kind of reality that should make us all consider just how much free space we have on the spectrum of life on this planet. It's the kind of reality that should make us realize just how many other people there are yet in this world for whom our radio toys are not just something to play with after dinner when the dishes are washed and put away.

The reality is, after all, quite simple. Tens of thousands of men, women and youngsters all over the Earth have the time and money and legal right to sit down in front of a transmitter and receiver and talk with each other. Most of them can talk about the weather and their radio set-ups and their children or friends outside playing cricket or soccer or mowing the lawn. Some of those many might even talk about their economic situation. A few others might talk about local elections or politics or religion. And a smaller number might feel politically comfortable enough to even discuss politics or local historical events. And in the middle of that slowly dwindling number of radio fanatics able to speak freely sit the gringos harping away every night on 75 meters about the military, the government, the Waco debacle, their powerful amplifiers and their smug, self-righteous privilege of speaking their minds, no matter how ill-informed or irrational their minds might be.

And for Rashad, that whole idea is as revolutionary as the first sura of the Qur'an: "Bismillah el-rahman el-rahim..." a phrase that has started one revolt after another in his country over the past two or three centuries. And each revolt was suppressed as meanly and as viciously as the last. Each revolt meant fewer mosques and fewer of my guest's people being admitted to the central government's universities. To Rashad, our little nightly temper tantrums on 75 meters are unbelievable in ways that we -- as members of a self-appointed select -- will never, ever, in all of time, understand.

And when that one, single thought, which can only be explained in all these paragraphs, finally dawned on me, I turned off the radios, disconnected the antennas and said to Rashad, "I'm sorry. This is not at all fair." So we went inside the house and sat and talked over cups of tea while my youngest boy fed catnip to our cat. And Rashad told me the story of his finally getting a chance to come here, and how he left his family and friends on the exact opposite side of the world from where I sit today, the radios silent in front of me.

All that is left is the silent prai

All that is left is the silent prayer by which every human should greet the other: A"ssalamu'a"la"ykum yoldas^. A"ssalamu 'a"la"ykum. May you live in peace, brother of the road. May you live in peace.

Nils

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: NYOUNG@nova.wright.edu
Subject: [4597] another story, pt II
Message-ID: <01HWPUY1EJ028Y5L03@nova.wright.edu>

One of the fundamental problems faced by every writer is knowing where and when to quit. The piece which I just submitted has, upon consideration and re-reading here, a place where I went beyond the stopping point. And it's a lousy translation. So...

If anyone wants to publish the piece which appears under the subject heading of "another story," please cut the last paragraph with the translation of "assalaam alaykum" in it. It doesn't need to be there and, as I said, is a poor translation.

With that, I retire to take my meds and sit with a book. Sometimes the 'trons get to be too much.

73
Nils
WB8IJN &c

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: Myron China <chim@gw1.com>
Subject: [4599] carry bag for norcal40a
Message-ID: <199510220317.AA22664@gp-sparc56.gw1.com>

for quite some time now i have been searching for the "perfect" home for my norcal 40a. the plastic shoe box just wasn't hacking it. it got to be a hassle packing and unpacking everything every time that i wanted to use it or take it somewhere. today i found the perfect, padded, zippered, nylon carry bag at my local target store.

it is a case logic dm-2 cd player carry case for \$19.99. the main compartment is just the right height and depth for the norcal 40a. it has a removable velcro divider and enough room left over for cables or a small gel cell (or maybe a small homebrew tuner?). my j-38 straight key and radio shack headphones just fit in the larger outside pocket. the smaller outside pocket easily holds 2 of the radio shack 8 cell aa battery holders. it even has a nylon shoulder strap which doubles as a waist belt so the bag can be carried as a fanny pack. i did put a right angle connector on

the antenna jack. in the spirit of qrp, everything fits just right.

now i can just leave everything plugged in. when i want to operate, i just unzip the main compartment, fold the flap under, take out the key and headphones from their pocket, connect the battery and antenna and go. when i am done, i just disconnect the battery and antenna, put back the key and headphones, and zip it all back up. i don't have to fiddle with any of the plugs in the back of the rig. works great in the shack or out in the field.

needless to say, i am quite happy that i found the perfect home for my norcal40a. even my wife understands although she keeps referring to it as my "purse".

73,
myron

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: am257@detroit.freenet.org (Tim English)
Subject: [4583] Gel Cell Batteries
Message-ID: <199510211809.0AA12381@detroit.freenet.org>

Gel cell batteries are now in hand and ready to be shipped if anyone is wanting some of them. Prices were posted in earlier message but will send them again if need be. I used one of the 7ah jobs on my TS-120S at 4 watts output and it lasted a week and half before needing a recharge. That was with 2-3 hours a night of heavy operating too. If anyone needs prices or my address again, let me know. Will also ship COD as long as you pick up the COD charges. I'm not making a thing on these batteries either in case anyone is wondering. I'm simply passing them along at the same price I have to pay for them. Just trying to help some fellows out if I can.

Tim, WB8OGM
am257@detroit.freenet.org

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: am257@detroit.freenet.org (Tim English)
Subject: [4591] GEL CELLS
Message-ID: <199510212328.TAA14460@detroit.freenet.org>

Ok, it seems several missed the original post with the prices of the gel cells I have here so here they are again...

12 volt 7.0ah \$25 plus \$6 shipping/handling
12 volt 4.5ah \$20 plus \$6 shipping/handling
12 volt 2.6ah \$15 plus \$5 shipping/handling

Sizes are as follows:

7ah 6lbs 6" wide 3 3/4" high 2 1/2" deep
4.5ah 4lbs 5 1/8" wide 3 7/8" high 2 5/8" deep
2.6ah 2lbs 7" wide 2 3/8" high 1 3/8" deep

All have standard 1/4" male spade terminals on them and are brand new.
Fresh from Interstate battery company.

My address is as follows:
Tim English
23 Willow Lane
Lennon, Michigan 48449

am257@detroit.freenet.org

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: jgoemans@facstaff.wisc.edu (Jane Goemans)
Subject: [4603] Hamfest Minnesota +
Message-ID: <199510220707.CAA33076@audumla.students.wisc.edu>

Greetings !

Anyone here going to the hamfest in St Paul on Oct. 28, "The Big One", hamfest Minnesota ? I am going, crashing in Minneapolis for the weekend. I would like an eyeball QSO if anyone is interested. We can set up a specific time at the fest (or elsewhere!!) and swap ObQRP stories...

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: PDFB27A@prodigy.com (MR TERRY A WARD)
Subject: [4589] Items for sale
Message-ID: <013.03326709.PDFB27A@prodigy.com>

Can I post a list of items for sale here on the QRP-L list? Don't want to offend anyone of it's not allowed.
Thanks!

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: PDFB27A@prodigy.com (MR TERRY A WARD)
Subject: [4598] Looks like for-sales are OK
Message-ID: <013.03336961.PDFB27A@prodigy.com>

at least according to a few respondents. Thanks. And here are the items for sale (all related to the list, I might add...)

Here are the individual items (\$1000 takes the whole lot)

S&S Engineering ARK40 QRP transceiver,
assembled by Jeff M. Gold AC4HF Oct, 1993
and is the actual xcvr reviewed by QST magazine
includes manual
\$175.00 or best offer

Tejas RF Technology Backpacker II 30M CW transceiver
with mini-keyer kit; both unassembled
includes manual
\$150 or best offer

MFJ-931 artificial RF Ground includes manual \$50 or best offer

MFJ-971 portable QRP antenna tuner and SWR meter includes manual \$60 or best offer

Index Laboratories QRP Plus full coverage xcvr
SSB/CW operation 5W; .1 to 2.4 selectivity
includes manual and microphone \$600 or best offer

Terry A. Ward
KB7NTP

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: Dale Hall <102603.30@compuserve.com>
Subject: [4582] Need QRP xcvr
Message-ID: <951021162112_102603.30_HHU23-1@CompuServe.COM>

Well auspicious QRPers, I attended the hamfest in Grandview, Mo. today.
I saw one used QRP xcvr. :-) It was an HW7 without manual and it was broken!
:-(It was not one to consider, anyway. :^)

There was a guy there selling brand new, dual band OHR xcvs. :-) :-) They were nice, but beyond my reach money-wise, right now. :-(There was even an HW16 with VFO for \$160.00! :-(:- (

I previously posted that I could spend \$100.00 for a xcvr. The consensus of the List members (and there was quite a number of opinions) was that I probably could not get a very good rig for that kind of money.

Well, I have managed to up-the-kitty to \$150.00. Does anyone have anything for that price? Do you "KNOW" of anyone with something in that price range? I know I can get a monobander for that amount but with the very high QRN level in the summer here, I need at least a duobander; at least 40 and 20 meters.

I have done quite-a-bit of building and homebrewing in amateur radio and am a little tired of it. But, if I have to, I will consider a kit. (Don't get too excited, you homebrewers. There "IS" more to amateur radio than homebrewing. This would be a last resort.)

I do have one List member offering an HW8 in repairable condition, but I am not ready to take that plunge, yet.

I intend to return to the hamfest to see if anything has turned up. But, I don't expect anything. :-(In the meantime I will continue to check the List and chase those Foxes with the trusty homebrew, 40 meter, 1.5 watt, xtal controlled, manually antenna switched xcvr.

&2 Dale KB0WZ/QRP, anyway!!!

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: km@PACT.ORG.PE (Kris Merschrod)
Subject: [4587] New List (s) Sounds good
Message-ID: <m0t6k70-000ApCC@rcp.net.pe>

Bob (KI7MN) has a good idea.

If there were lists, as there are sections in newspapers, then by subscribing to "all" would bring everything - kits and building, reports on products, fox hunts, 30 meter prop studies, flaming, Help Wanted, shack sales, etc.

However, one could subscribe to separate sections so as not to include, for example the QDOPE-L or other toxic substances.

Responses would automatically go into the relevant section.

It sounds good to me Bob. 5x9

72,

Kris
OA4\KA20IG

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: bobhigh@primenet.com (Bob Hightower)
Subject: [4595] New List?
Message-ID: <199510220124.SAA24558@usr6.primenet.com>

Well, I did get a reply from a source that shall remain anonymous...he stated that he agreed but for me not to hold my breath. I won't. But I would like to see most of the 80-100 messages I receive a day kept to the technical/operating side, not just reports that 'I did/didn't catch the Fox'. Since the Foxes post list of who they were able to hear, the individual messages seem to be pointless.

Thanks to all for responding, anyway.

73,
Bob KI7MN NorCA1 1228, qrp-ARCI 8918

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: RichYHA@aol.com
Subject: [4604] T-T 405 Linear For Sale
Message-ID: <951022080351_129849953@mail06.mail.aol.com>

Attention Ten-Tec collectors:

I have a Model 405 HF linear that is an accessory to the Argonaut 505 & 509 QRP transceivers. 1.5 watts input yields 50 watts output on 80 thru 10 meters (no WARC).

Condition is Exc +, original knobs, manual.

\$150 and I ship.

Leave e-mail or call Rich, K7YHA at (717) 825-5395 after 9 PM EDT m-f or anytime on the weekends.

73 rich K7YHA

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: dgf@netcom.com (David Feldman)
Subject: [4592] Wanted Ten-Tec TX100 and RX10
Message-ID: <199510220005.RAA07774@netcom20.netcom.com>

I'm looking for the Ten-Tec TX-100 transmitter and RX-10 receiver, each in any condition (of course, better preferred!). If you have one or know of one for sale please advise by e-mail! (p.s, these are from the very early 70s.)

73 Dave WB0GAZ dgf@netcom.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: N9DD@aol.com
Subject: [4600] RE: carry bag for norcal40a
Message-ID: <951022011339_50866700@mail02.mail.aol.com>

Forwarded message:

Subj: Re: carry bag for norcal40a
From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: N9DD@aol.com
Subject: [4602] Re: carry bag for norcal40a
Message-ID: <951022015059_129796696@mail06.mail.aol.com>

Why is it that I can draw a picture using ascii characters and have it look fine if I send it to myself in an E-mail - but if I send it to the list,

there are extra carriage returns, tabs, or whatever that ruin the drawing?

The ascii drawing of my PCB parts caddy QRP equipment carrier looked good on this end. Sorry if it didn't make sense to the rest of you. Perhaps I can take a couple pictures and let one of the QRP newsletters use the item (Doug - you get first crack at it if you think it is usable).

Thanks and 73,

Tom N9DD

ObQRP Did any of the rest of you hear the Lesotho station on 40 meters Friday night? He was pounding in here in Northern Indiana, but I had no luck getting an answer from him with the Norcal 40A at 2 watts. I guess I need to get serious about putting up those new antennas...

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: Duane Anderson <dandersn@ix.netcom.com>
Subject: [4601] Re: Don't need no stinkin static badges
Message-ID: <199510220543.WAA17929@ix11.ix.netcom.com>

Here, Here on don't worry about it. I also have been involved with electronic repair and I load eproms on a regular basis without any static protection and never have blown out any of them.

We just dont have a magnetic or electric personality, I guess. (he he he).

73,
Duane, KJ7H0

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: Steven Wilson <randyw@crl.com>
Subject: [4596] Re: New List?
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.951021183917.17057A-100000@crl4.crl.com>

I agree with Bob, I would like to see just a Technical QRP list. Do not see the need other than EGO to send a message I worked the FOX or XYZ1HAM.

Yes, even messages such as this one serves no purpose. de stan ak0b

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: stan@cruzio.com (Stan Goldstein, N6ULU)
Subject: [4585] Re: OHR-4-BAND-GRP.BUY ?
Message-ID: <199510211851.0AA33119@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

ERNEST GREGOIRE writes:

>
> Hello All, Is the group buy fo OHR 4 bander still on, if so can you please
> tell me who to get in touch with. This isn't for me, I have a friend that
> has no access to I-net and wants to know.

>
Call Dick @ ohr 616 796-0920 and see if he will still accept orders on
the group buy.

I talked to him on wedensday or thursday and he gave me the impression
that he is willing to extend the closing date .

I ordered the 4 bander and the wattmeter.
73 Stan n6ulu

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Stan Goldstein

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: PaulKB8N@aol.com
Subject: [4588] Re: QST es SS
Message-ID: <951021174948_50606697@emout06.mail.aol.com>

I appreciate the feedback on my article. I'm afraid, however. that you've
overestimated my operating abilities a little. I have been running low power
in SS, though I do routinely use QRP in other contests. When the sunspot
numbers are up enough to occupy my days with 10M and 15M QSOs, I'll go back
to a QRP effort. With the high daytime noise levels here in Texas on the
lower bands, it is just too painful to wait twenty minutes to work the guy in
the next state.

Nonetheless, I want to encourage all of you to take advantage of the SS
weekend to hone your operating skills. I've gotten to where I am today
thanks to a lot of QRP operating, especially in contests. I hope I can give
you a STex Multiplier. Thanks again and 73, Paul, KB8N

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Sun Oct 22 14:32:00 1995
From: faunt@netcom.com (Doug Faunt N6TQS +1-510-655-8604)

Subject: [4594] Re: [4567] Re: more cascade errata?
Message-ID: <199510220056.RAA24426@netcom5.netcom.com>

I'm also interested in info about the 40/17m conversion, since I bought a second kit for that conversion.

Also, how are the crystals matched? An appropriate crystal oscillator (right choice of load and series or parallel resonance) and a frequency counter sound like the right way to me, BWDIKA?

73, doug